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To amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to require economic impact statements for reported bills and amendments that create or increase any taxes, duties, or other fees on the maritime industry, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HUTTO, Mr. WELDON, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LANCASTER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. KING, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GALLO, and Ms. KAPTUR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS RESPECTING LEGIS-**
2 **LATION AND AMENDMENTS IMPOSING TAXES**
3 **AND OTHER FEES, DUTIES, AND CHARGES**
4 **UPON THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.**

5 The Rules of the House of Representatives are
6 amended by inserting at the end the following new rule:

7 “RULE LII

8 “SPECIAL RULES RESPECTING CERTAIN LEGISLATION
9 AND AMENDMENTS AFFECTING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

10 “1. (a) Within 30 calendar days after the date of
11 adoption of this rule, the Congressional Budget Office
12 shall prepare an itemized list of all Federal taxes, assess-
13 ments, duties, tariffs, user fees, and other charges (includ-
14 ing dockage fees, harbor fees, supplemental harbor fees,
15 and dredging fees) currently imposed upon cargo, persons,
16 or vessels described in clause 5. The Congressional Budget
17 Office shall revise that list at quarterly intervals to keep
18 it up-to-date.

19 “(b) Within 5 calendar days after the preparation of
20 the itemized list described in paragraph (a) or any revi-
21 sion, the Congressional Budget Office shall send a copy
22 to the chairman and ranking minority member of each
23 standing committee of the House (except the Committee
24 on House Administration and the Committee on Stand-
25 ards of Official Conduct).

1 “2. No bill shall be reported by any committee that
2 establishes or increases (or provides for the establishment
3 or increase of) any tax, assessment, duty, tariff, user fee,
4 or other charge imposed upon any cargo, person, or vessel
5 described in clause 5 unless it is accompanied by a report
6 setting forth—

7 “(1) the economic impact on such persons and
8 vessels;

9 “(2) the effect on international trade;

10 “(3) the amount of revenue that will be raised;
11 and

12 “(4) an identification of the entities that will
13 benefit from the revenue raised and those who will
14 be adversely affected.

15 for the first fiscal year to which the bill applies and each
16 of the 4 fiscal years following that fiscal year.

17 “3. No amendment that establishes or increases (or
18 provides for the establishment or increase of) any tax, as-
19 sessment, duty, tariff, user fee, or other charge imposed
20 upon any cargo, person, or vessel described in clause 5
21 may be considered unless it is accompanied by a written
22 explanation setting forth—

23 “(1) the economic impact on such persons and
24 vessels;

25 “(2) the effect on international trade;

1 “(3) the amount of revenue that will be raised;
2 and

3 “(4) an identification of the entities that will
4 benefit from the revenue raised and those who will
5 be adversely affected.

6 for the first fiscal year to which the amendment applies
7 and each of the 4 fiscal years following that fiscal year.

8 “4. No bill that establishes or increases (or provides
9 for the establishment of or increase in) any tax, assess-
10 ment, duty, tariff, user fee, or other charge imposed upon
11 any cargo, person, or vessel described in clause 5 may be
12 considered by any committee unless and until the chair-
13 man has distributed to all of its members the most recent
14 list sent by the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to
15 clause 1(b).

16 “5. For purposes of this rule:

17 “(1) The term ‘person’ refers to a person en-
18 gaged in the carriage of goods or passengers by ves-
19 sel for hire, a person who provides services related
20 to that carriage, including the storage, dockside
21 movement, loading, or unloading of such goods, or a
22 person who is a United States exporter or importer
23 of such goods.

1 “(2) The term ‘vessel’ refers to any vessel that
2 provides the carriage of goods or passengers for
3 hire.”.

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